

EMS Administrative Board Meeting
May 20, 2013 @ 1:30pm
Flathead Emergency Communications Center

Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD
Karen Lee
Bob Kun
Jason Spring

Absent

Chuck Curry

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Miller at 1:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve agenda as received, Spring
SECOND, Kun; Approved

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve Minutes for March 18, 2013 with minor revisions, Kun
SECOND, Lee; Approved

Citizen Comments – Joy Fortin explained that Linda Chambers will not be in attendance and Joy will be representing ALERT also.

Funding Formula – Granger presented the funding formula and reviewed the amount disbursed in December, the spring disbursement will be a little smaller. There is \$208,175 to disburse. Granger explained the call volume and how most agencies are very close on year to year. The User Advisory Group has approved this funding formula for this disbursement. Olney Ambulance is still having issues staffing their ambulance. They met 83% of their calls so they will get 83% of the funds and Whitefish will get the remainder 17%.

Spring MOTION to approve the funding formula;
SECOND by Kun; Approved

Board Member – Miller explained that the County has restructured OES/911 and the Sheriff has been put in charge of OES, EMS and FSA. With the Sheriff (Curry) now over EMS, concern was expressed regarding potential conflicts if he remains on this board. Miller will look into this, discuss it with the County Attorney's office and report back at the next Board meeting.

Others Present

Mary Granger
Richard Briles, MD
Joy Fortin
Dave Dedman
James Brower

Non Compliance to MOU's – Granger explained that when the continuous compressions CPR went into place the EMS Office asked the EMS Agencies to fill out a simple report and send it to the office so we can do County tracking on Cardiac Arrests. After the 1st year Whitefish hadn't turned in any reports. Granger talked to them and to date has only one report for 2013; Kalispell also have not turned in all their reports. The user group feels that if they have to follow the rules to receive funds then everyone should. The Board discussed the idea of holding funds. Granger presented a letter that she has prepared to send to the units with the MOU's that asks for any CPR reports that they haven't sent in.

Spring MOTION to withhold all funds to any agency that does not have all required reports requested by Flathead County EMS per MOU until reports are turned in.

SECOND by Kun; Approved

Medical Director Report – Dr. Briles attended the State Medical Director Committee, a subcommittee for the Medical Board. New protocols for the State were discussed. The new protocols will help in providing a higher level of care at a basic level and not having to use the Paramedics for the BLS level of care. Briles discussed how the EMT-Basics who have all of the four endorsements will be moved to an Advanced EMT and will have added skills.

The narcotic policy is not completed yet but Dr. Briles is still working on it, Whitefish still has narcotics on site, Dr. McFadden with North Valley Hospital has signed their DEA license and is very comfortable with the arrangement.

EMS Manager Report – Granger started by thanking Joy Fortin for the great run review sections that KRMC has hosted. The EMS Summit Conference went very well, 27 EMS personnel attended from the Flathead and 25 had scholarships from Flathead County EMS. Granger and Brower had scholarships from EMS Associates. Next year we won't be able to send as many people but hopefully we can send at least half as many as this year. Lincoln County has moved forward with the EMD, Libby and Troy has started using the EMD but we are having issues with Eureka. Lake County has one more class before they can go live; they are having some issue with some of the responders but are moving forward. We are starting to schedule the Transition classes, we will start on the Paramedic transition; will be working with Kris Long and Jon Campbell to schedule it. The curriculum for the EMT transition will be created by the EMS Office. It will be taught at all agencies by a Lead Instructor, or by Mary or James. Dr. Miller asked about the dispatch training through FVCC, Granger didn't know much on the topic just that the intent is to have instruction classes through FVCC for dispatch training. Granger also presented a list on upcoming training that the office has planned. Granger expressed concern about the EMT-Basics going to the Advanced EMT with the added skills that they haven't been trained on; Granger would like to see a class to teach the EMT's the skills and will be working with Dr. Briles after the protocols come out to facilitate that.

Other Business/Future Agenda Requests – None

Board Member Comments – Dr. Miller talked about the cost of rent that EMS pays towards the building; he will arrange more meetings with County finance to discuss this issue.

Next meeting scheduled for August 12, 2013

Meeting Adjourned 2:30pm

James Brower, Recorder